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## MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS DECEMBER 12, 1931

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sierra Club was held at the Club Rooms in the Mills Building, San Francisco, California, Saturday morning, December 12, 1931, at ten o'clock. Present: Directors Bernays, Colby, Dawson, Farquhar, Huber, McDuffie, Parsons, Rainey, Rowell, Price, Tappaan, Treat. Absent: Directors Adair, Badè, LeConte. D. R. Brothers and Lewis F. Clark, chairmen of the Southern California and San Francisco Bay chapters, respectively, were also present. President Bernays called the meeting to order. It was voted that the absent directors be excused. The minutes of the last meeting of the Board, held on May 9, 1931, were approved.

Treasurer Huber reported that as a matter of convenience the savings account portion of the Permanent Fund and the savings account portion of the General Fund had been concentrated in the Crocker First Federal Trust Company, and it was thereupon resolved that the Crocker First Federal Trust Company be selected as a depository for the funds of this corporation, and that Walter L. Huber, treasurer, and William E. Colby, secretary, and any one of them, be, and they are, authorized and empowered to draw checks in accordance with the regular form resolution of said Bank; resolved further that the president and secretary of this corporation be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed to deliver to said Crocker First Federal Trust Company a copy of these said resolutions properly certified by them.

It was voted to renew the Sierra Club's annual contribution of \$50 to the National Conference on State Parks.

Treasurer Huber reported receipt from the Estate of Stephen Tyng Mather of the following amounts in payment of Mr. Mather's bequest to the Sierra Club of \$10,000.00:

\$8,000 U. S. Liberty Bonds, 4 1/4%, 1936, @ 101 1/4.....	\$8,100.00
Cash .....	905.87
Total received on account of principal.....	\$9,005.87
Payment of Illinois Inheritance Tax.....	\$940.50
Interest adjustment .....	53.63
	994.13
Total amount of bequest.....	\$10,000.00
Interest accrued, 6 months to October 22, 1931.....	192.64
Total .....	\$10,192.64

The Secretary was instructed to send a letter of appreciation to Mrs. Mather and her daughter, Miss Bertha F. Mather.

A letter from the executor of the will of Henry H. Palmer was read, advising that the bequest to the Sierra Club would be forwarded as soon as the executor's account is approved by the court. (Mention of this bequest was made in the October, 1931, *Sierra Club Bulletin*.)\*

Comment was made upon the fact that these bequests, as well as the gift and subsequent bequest from Miss Harwood made to the Club several years ago, all came from persons whose original interest in the Sierra Club came through participation in the Club outings.

\* The remittance, amounting to \$3,422.59, was received January 4, 1932.

Several months ago the Mazamas, of Portland, asked the Sierra Club, and other mountaineering clubs of the Pacific Coast, to contribute a stone to be used in the construction of a fireplace in a lodge being built on the slopes of Mount Hood. Mr. Huber reported that he had secured for this purpose a rock from Half Dome, Yosemite National Park, on which the emblem of the Sierra Club was engraved. As the Sierra Club was invited by the Mazamas to be represented at the dedication of the lodge, October 31, 1931, Mr. Rodney L. Glisan, of Portland, and Miss Lulie Nettleton, of Seattle, were requested to attend the dedication as representatives of the Sierra Club. Report of the dedication has been received from both Miss Nettleton and Mr. Glisan.

It was voted that C. L. Drew be granted the privilege of using the Sierra Club roster in connection with his proposed trip to Glacier National Park in 1932, subject to former resolutions of the Board.

Mention was made of the receipt of a letter from Otis McAllister, president of the Club de Exploraciones de Mexico, proposing a Sierra Club trip to Mexico during the winter of 1932-33. The following committee was appointed to investigate the feasibility of conducting such an outing: Newton H. Bell, chairman; D. R. Brothers, F. P. Farquhar.

A letter from the California Council for Protection of Roadside Beauty with relation to the future placing of pole lines along public highways with a view to the preservation of roadside trees was referred to the executive committee for report at the next meeting.

Mr. Farquhar reported that he has received an interesting assortment of articles for the February issue of the *Sierra Club Bulletin*, together with many fine illustrations.

It was voted that the sum of \$500 be turned over to the Southern California Chapter of the Sierra Club to reimburse it for money advanced toward the construction and furnishing of the Harwood Memorial Lodge.

Mr. Brothers and Mr. Clark reported briefly regarding activities of the Southern California and San Francisco Bay chapters, respectively. Mr. Brothers mentioned the fact that the Southern California Chapter has definitely relinquished the Mount San Antonio (Old Baldy) cabin site.

Report was made that the contemplated roster of Sierra Club members was being held over on account of the expense, funds in the Club's General Fund being in a somewhat reduced state on account of the publication of *Ramblings Through the High Sierra* a year ago.

It was proposed that a brief statement regarding the nominees for directors be printed and sent out with the ballots. This matter was referred to the nominating committee for consideration and preparation at its discretion, the nominating committee to report to the executive committee for approval before taking action.

The following were appointed to act as the nominating committee to select names to be placed on the ballot at the coming election of directors of the Sierra Club: C. Nelson Hackett, chairman; Edward O. Allen, Robert L. Lipman, E. A. Mayers, Mrs. Geo. C. Thompson; alternates, Ethelinda M. James, Louis N. Rice.

The following were appointed a committee of judges of election to act in the counting of the ballots at the next regular election of directors: Helena M. Beam, Mrs. E. Cecil Earle, Lucy Hall, Mrs. Orwell Logan, Alice L. Meussdorffer, Mrs. James A. Morgan, Mrs. A. E. Neuenburg, Mrs. Oliver G. Tubby, Juanita E. York.

In view of Prof. J. N. Le Conte's absence abroad, Mr. Ansel E. Adams was appointed a member of the Outing Committee, with William E. Colby as chairman, and Judge Clair S. Tappaan remaining as the other members.

Mr. Farquhar read an interesting letter from Mr. Albert M. Bender, with which was enclosed a gift of \$100 to be used in the decorating of the new Club Rooms and in which he mentioned his plan to present the Club with an etching. Mr. Farquhar was requested to express to Mr. Bender the very great appreciation of the directors and the members for these generous gifts.

The matter of moving the headquarters of the Sierra Club to the new rooms in the Mills Tower was discussed, with special reference to the furnishing and decorating and providing proper facilities for housing the Club's library and taking care of its valuable records. Ansel E. Adams was present during this discussion in order to explain the plans embodying his ideas. After an inspection of the rooms in the Mills Tower it was voted that a sum not to exceed \$1500 be appropriated from the treasury for the decorations and improvements, and a further sum not to exceed \$500 be allotted for a fireproof safe and for filing equipment; and that the following committee be appointed to act in the matter: Marion R. Parsons, chairman; Ansel E. Adams, Francis P. Farquhar; with Walter L. Huber and Duncan McDuffie as advisory members.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

WM. E. COLBY, Secretary.

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## DEDICATION OF THE MAZAMA LODGE

Seattle, Washington, December 7, 1931.

My dear Mr. Colby:

I am a bit tardy in telling you about the dedication of the Mazama Lodge. However, better late than never. I was on hand but your fine piece of granite made a far better representative. It was placed with twenty other similar representatives of other mountain clubs. The fireplace is the finest of the kind I have ever seen. Rodney Glisan had his camera leveled at it and doubtless has sent you a picture of it.

The lodge is the largest mountain lodge I have seen, and I have seen many. The first floor is of huge cedar logs three feet in diameter; the second floor is shingled. Sleeping quarters on the second floor—men's and women's dormitories—are furnished with double-deck cots and very grand looking mattresses. Can you imagine all of this in a lodge! The location is wonderful—Mount Jefferson stands out gloriously in front and Mount Hood flanks the building. The highway is within a few hundred feet of the lodge but not visible from it. The water supply is from springs and is piped into the house.

The ceremonial was very dignified on Sunday afternoon. I will not take your time to describe it, but there were speeches, a few songs and a benediction. Rodney was there, too, so the Sierra Club did its duty to the neighboring club.

A movement was started to form some association of mountaineering clubs of the west. You have probably been informed of this plan.

This seems like a long description but it does not do justice to a very creditable piece of mountain club accomplishment.

My regards to my Sierra Club friends.

Most cordially,

LULIE NETTLETON.

## A WORD FROM MRS. MEXIA FROM SOUTH AMERICA

Mr. Colby has received the following message from Mrs. Ynes Mexia, the well-known botanist who has been on a number of the Sierra Club outings:

"The trip up the Amazon in a pleasant river steamer was most interesting. I plan to use Iquitos as headquarters and make trips out to different collecting localities. I start tomorrow for the Pongo de Manseriche, the great gorge where the Amazon breaks through the easternmost Cordillera to form the Amazon Valley. I am told that the vegetation is fine and the scenery magnificent. I plan eventually to cross the Andes to Lima and up the western coast to California. How about that trip in 1933 to the Himalayas? I am all set for it."

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER VISITS MOUNT WHITNEY

There was opened this summer a good horse trail to the summit of Mount Whitney via Lone Pine Cañon. There is now pavement from Los Angeles to Lone Pine, distance about 225 miles, and the journey can be made in about six hours as there is very little local traffic after leaving Saugus. A public camp is maintained during the summer at a beautiful meadow 10,300 feet altitude. There is a corral at the mouth of Lone Pine Cañon where the automobile road ends, where animals can be secured either for riding or packing.

Over Labor Day the Southern California Chapter, led by F. F. Bouchard, made good use of these new roads and trails. Fifty-two persons reached the top of Mount Whitney. The party left Los Angeles Friday night, arriving at the corral Saturday morning, and walked or rode to the camp at 10,300 feet elevation where a two-night camp was made. Good camp-fires were held both evenings amid true High Sierra surroundings. The round trip of fourteen miles from the base camp to Mount Whitney was comfortably made by all who attempted it. Several took a side trip to Mount Muir, and Glen Dawson, Walter Brem and Dick Jones ascended Mount Whitney by trail and descended the east face by the route ascended a few weeks before.

Several others, by knapsacking, climbed Mount Russell and Mount Williamson. A good trail leads down from Whitney Pass to Crabtree Meadows. It is possible to make the twenty miles from the end of the road to Crabtree Meadows in one day.

The newly opened trails and roads make possible week-end climbs from Los Angeles to seven of the thirteen peaks in California above fourteen thousand feet, namely, Whitney, Muir, Langley, Williamson, Barnard, Russell, and Tyndall.

## SIERRA CLUB KENNEDY LAKE TRIP

The 1931 Labor and Admission Day holidays proved the feasibility of a typical High Sierra trip reduced to five days. The Kennedy Lake trip of the San Francisco Bay Chapter had practically all of the essential elements of a "high trip." There was a general commissary, a hired cook, a twenty-animal pack train, peaks to scale, wonderful camp-fires with well planned stunts, to say nothing of a snow storm and a temporarily missing dunnage bag. The trip was managed by Horace H. Breed.

After a 190 mile automobile drive via Tracy, Oakdale, Sonora and Pinecrest, seventy-five club members arrived and established camp on the Middle Fork of the Stanislaus River one mile above Kennedy Meadows. The next morning all hands arose at 5:30, enjoyed a hearty breakfast, weighed-in the thirty-pound dunnage bags and hit the trail for Kennedy Lake. Rising some 1500 feet in elevation, the trail constantly brought into view new and interesting objects: Water that thunderingly cascaded its way down the rocky gorge; Nightcap, a massive granite promontory; and hardy, weathered junipers. Many for the first time saw the snow course markers which are placed on convenient flats or meadows to designate locations where snow depths are measured during the winter. From this data the water content is noted and the following year's run-off is estimated.

The base camp, located about a mile and a half below Kennedy Lake, afforded a marvelous view of a gigantic cirque or amphitheatre between Kennedy and Relief peaks. Rising to an elevation over 10,000 feet, the semi-circular granite wall shielded the thickly timbered Soda Cañon, so named because of a genuine soda spring. Several parties explored this cañon. Kennedy peak was scaled by two parties. One group led by George Plummer followed the ridge and returned without difficulty. Another party led by Jules Eichorn, attempting a more ambitious route, started the climb from Kennedy Lake. The climb was made in two divisions, four on the first rope, three on the second. Because of unexpected difficulties due to the character of the rock the climb to the summit consumed eleven hours, so that it was long after dark before the party returned.

The excellent food and the cooking of Ed French was a feature of the outing. Incidentally, a new type of stove was used. This was devised by Horace Breed from ideas furnished by Clayton Drew. It consisted of two pieces of sheet iron thirty inches square. Put together they made a flat surface thirty inches wide by sixty inches long. At the front and back the metal projected down three inches through which holes were punched to take five one-inch pipes which supported the top. These pipes which were three feet long were supported by two pipes placed lengthwise, each six feet long. A large rock at each of the four corners supported the stove over a pit and worked like a charm.

The camp-fires did full justice to Sierra Club traditions. While some of the entertainment was planned in advance there was the usual spontaneous exuberance. A full-fledged drama, written and staged by Frances Morrow, was a grand hit. The camp-fire was augmented one evening by a visit from Oliver Kehrlein and Harold Paige, with their Oakland boy scouts. On the last day of the outing, by way of variety, a snow storm occurred, furnishing an unexpected thrill.



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